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Justices of the Peace—A. Emerson, H. E. An Trees.

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I've watched the tawyers, right and left, and give my verdict true; I stuck so long onto my chair, I thought I would And if I do not know myself, they'll get me there But now the court's adjourned for good, and I MILLINERY AND DRESSMAKING. Dealer in Fancy Goods. The latest styles received as soon as out. Wichita, Kansas. have got my pay; I'm loose at last, and thank the Lord, I'm goin'

've somehow felt uneasy like, since first day l MILLINER, and dealer in fancy goods and zephyrs. Keeps on hand a large and well selected stock of millinery goods of the latest styles. East side Main street, near 2nd, Wich-ita, Kansas. town; And this 'ere Sunday suit of mine rightly sets, But when I wear the stuff a week, it somehow gails and frets. Pd rather wear my homespun rig of pepper-salt

and grayI'll have it on in half a jiff, when I get home to A LLEN & McKILLIP, Dealers in Groceries Provisions, Flour and Feed. Constantly re-ceiving fresh invoices of Groceries. have no doubt my wife looked out, as well a

Was done;
For though Melinda, when I'm here, won't set
her foot out doors,
She's very careful, when I'm gone, to 'tend to all DARBER AND HAIR-DRESSER. Shaving, Hair-cutting and dressing done in the latest style of art. Baths, hot or cold, 50cts. No. 75 Main street, Wichita. And I will put my things in shape, when I get home to-day.

The mornin' that I came away, we had a little I coolly took my hat and left before the show was And she was aiways quick at words, and ready to HOT, OR TO SUIT THE TASTE. None the purest liquors kept. Malts, soft, sweet amy. [ap19-6m] C. E. CASE. But then and's nest one to give up, when she has

had her say; And she will meet me with a kiss, when I go home to-day. My little boy-I'll give 'em leave to match him if if they can, It's fun to see him strut about, and try to be a The gamest, cheeriest little chap you'd ever want to see! And then they laugh because I think the child re-NATIONAL BANK The little rogue! he goes for me, like robbers for

He'll turn my pockets inside out when I get home

My little girl-I can't contrive how it should hap-WICHITA, KANSAS,
That God could pick that sweet bouquet and fling it down to us!
My wife she says that handsome face will some day make a stir;
And then I laugh, because she thinks the child resembles her She'll meet ne halt way down the hill, and kiss me, anyhow!

And light my heart up with her smiles, when I

Tthere's a heaven on the earth, a fellow knows - - \$250,000 He's been away from home a week, and then gets back again.
If there's a heaven above the earth, there often, Capital Paid In and Surplus, - - 72,000 I'll be bound, homesics, f-llow meets his folks and hugs My heaven is just ahead of me-I'm going home

> Correspondence of the Leavenworth Commercial. CITY OF WICHITA.

> other portions of the state. This strip comprises what is known as the

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FIRST ARKANSAS VALLEY BANK to Uncle Sam's domains.

This delegation consisted of General Hancock and Kit Carson, as principals, for the government. It was met on the Little Arkansas river, seven miles above the present site of Wichita, by the head chiefs of the Osages, and a

treaty was effected.

WM. C. WOODMAN & SON.

\$20,000 TO LOAN ON MORTGAGE. of country. And assistance rendered settlers in proving up qualified claims.

time

ment troops were stationed there. site surveyed, and the embryo

METROPOLIS OF THE SOUTHWEST, Wichita, sprang into existence.

J. R. Mead, at that time a civil engi- for entries and homesteads have exneer, now one of the wealthiest and ceeded any land office in the state, and most honored citizens of the city. He such has been the rush for lands, that at once identified himself with the in- some parties would be compelled to terests of the town, and it is in a great | wait several days before they could measure due to his untiring exertions that the growth of the city has not been retarded, and its course has been

William Greiffenstien, Sol. H. Kohn, Smith, Martin & Phillip, Capt. Mun- chandise, all of which are having a ger and W. C. Woodman, are also good trade. Some of the merchants ry of Wichita, every one of whom carried in the state, and their trade is Where I will keep constantly on hand a good assortment of Saddles, Draft and Carriage Harness, Collars, Whips, and every article belonging to the trade, which I will sell at the very lowest rates ing it in the proud position it now oc- street, and for four blocks on each side

ITS GROWTH.

From the time that the first lots were sold until the spring of 1870 the growth of the city was slow but steady. Emigration, however, was pouring in, and the rich valley of the Arkansas was being rapidly settled by a good class of farmers. Wichita being conceded as the strategic point for that section of the country, the claims lying near it were the first to be taken

up and improved. The first year's crop demonstrated the fact that the country adjacent to Wichita was not only beautiful in appearance but rich in agricultural ed twenty bushels to the acre, and of a fast enough. But now that the hurry tive power nine months in a year. A The year 1870 marked a new era in city is over, the citizens are paying the history of Wichita. The Atchison, more attention to building, and a betthe history of Wichita. The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad was push-

VALLEY OF THE ARKANSAS and the Southwest, and the citizens of Wichita began to look forward to a communication with the outer world. The road was already located to Newton, 30 miles distant, from which point its course was directly west, striking the Arkansas river 33 miles distant Steps were at once taken to secure a branch to Wichita, and the proposi-

superior quality.

great

tion made them by the railroad company was accepted, and bonds were voted in accordance therewith.

In March, 1870. COL. WM. GREIFFENSTEIN purchased the claim of E. P. Waterman, for which he paid twenty dollars per acre, and at once laid it out in town lots. In order to induce a good class of citizens to locate there he sold But nothing prospers half so well, when I go of his lots at very low figures to those who would contract to build a house thereon. The first house in the new town was erected by Mr. Greiffenstein, in April, 1870, since which time the city has been steadily growing in that

direction. On a line running parallel with the original town site, north and south, the Arkansas river is quite narrow, and the most practicable point for the location of a bridge. In view of this fact, and conceiving that the principal business streets should run in accordance with that, Mr. G. laid out the first street in his addition running east and

west, into business lots, and named it DOUGLAS AVENUE, in honor of the great Stephen A. Douglas, of Illinois. In 1871 the Douglas Avenue House, a large three-story frame building, was constructed, and ready for occupancy early in the spring of 1872. A bridge company was also chartered the same year, and work commenced on the

FIRST BRIDGE ON THE ARKANSAS This bridge is a fine wooden structure, and was erected at a cost of \$28,- ers in Texas cattle, to throw their in- will be promptly answered. 000. It is conceded to be one of the

started the pioneer paper of the Ar-

WICHITA VIDETTE.

tical printers and writers of no mean

talent. But both talent and energy

must succomb to fortune. An opposi-tion sheet called the Tribune started

in the spring of 1872, and both papers

kept along with varied success until

"EAGLE"

swept down on them, and the Vidette

and Tribune are among the things that

let its first rays of light fall upon the

citizens of Wichita about the middle

of October of the present year, and

has been shining with more or less re-

fulgence ever since. Messrs, Millison

& Sowers, its proprietors, deserve suc-

cess for their enterprise, and we hope

the Beacon may continue to shine un-

til every ray of light emanating from

it may be converted into shining gold

BANKS.

WICHITA SAVINGS BANK

commenced operations the 1st of Au-

N. A. English, Sol. H. Kohn, W. A. Shannon, Wm. Greiffenstein, W. A.

Thomas, of Wichita, A. A. Hyde and

the directory, with A. M. Clark, presi-

GOVERNMENT LAND OFFICE

Of course, such an influx of stran-

hundred business houses in the city,

embracing all classes and kinds of mer-

CLASS OF BUILDINGS.

transact their business.

proportionately large.

for the benefit of its proprietors.

Murdock's

were. The

Both of these gentlemen were prac-

kansas Valley, and christened it the

WICHITA, Nov. 25, 1872. By examining the map of Kansas, the observer will notice a strip of land lying south of the fifth standard paraliel and west of the first principal meridian east, marked distinctly from all

is fifty miles in width by two hundred and fifty miles in length, and takes within its boundaries the best portion Up to 1867 this fine tract of land was

dians, and until that time no white settlers were allowed to reside within bearing away everything in its resist-

less course, could not be stayed. The conduct of our business, we promise to all our customers the most favorable rates and the promptest attention.

So in the early part of 1867 the land. So in the early part of 1867 the government sent a delegation to treat with the Osages, for the purposes of adding this valuable piece of territory

The first bank was established in August, 1871. Soon after its establishment, application was made for a National Bank charter, with an authorized capital of \$250,000. Its officers are J. C. Fraker, president; J. R. Mead, vice president; A. H. Gossard, cashier, and Wm. Greiffenstein, W. A. Thomas, J. R. Mead, A. H. Gossord The first settler on the present site of and J. C. Fraker are its directors. The first currency was issued by the First National Bank of Wichita in the spring

CITY OF WICHITA was H. W. Vigus, who arrived there of 1872. It has now a paid-up capital on the 3rd day of February, 1868. His and surplus of \$72,000. It does a genfirst habitation was a Comanche lodge, eral banking business, and conducts it in which he resided until he could get material for a house. At that time he faction. The was the only settler in all that section

In the latter part of March, of the same year, two other white families gust, 1872, with a capital stock of moved in and took claims, one of them, \$100,000. W. P. McClure, H. J. Hills, E. P. Waterman, taking his where East Wichita or the new town is now located. No other settlements were made until after May 9th, 1868, at which A. M. Clark, of Leavenworth, form

was established for the protection of and A. A. Hyde, cashier. The business done by this bank during its short settlers, and a detachment of governexistence, has exceeded the expecta-Camp Beecher was established at the confluence of the Little Arkansas and the Big Arkansas rivers, and on the present site of old Wichita. From that time on settlers came in rapidly. and in the fall of 1868 a company was organized, a charter obtained, a town

We doubt if any member of the original town company had the re- spect, and there is nothing to prevent motest idea, when they were survey- this institution from being safe, sucing and platting off their little town, cessful and popular. The that it was destined to take the proud place in western history that it has, or that, in a few short years, it would be- was removed from Augusta to Wichicome a successful rival of Emporia- ta in 1871. W. S. Jenkins is the presthen a town of some notoriety in a ent register, and S. C. Redfield, receivcommercial point of view-and out- er. Ever since its location there it has

strip it in growth and importance. The town plat was surveyed by Hon.

onward in point of population, and up- gers made business of all kinds good. ward in importance. The names of Hon. J. C. Fraker, Col. Hon. N. A. English, Messrs. Steele & placed high on the record of the histo-

cupies. of the street it is almost a solid block of business houses. terial, the buildings in Wichits are anything but first-class. The railroad did not reach there until May, 1872, and lumber and other material had to be carted from the end of the track. A

great proportion of this was hauled in ONE HUNDRED MILES. growth after it was once started. wealth. It was no uncommon thing Houses were erected, and goods opened for the farmers to raise forty and fifty out and exposed for sale almost before lars per lee pounds. bushels of corn to the acre from the the carpenter's hammer had done ring. The junction of the two rivers here against fire. Many of the larger mer- and fives, all of them seeming to wear to be fortune. It is not completed before the carpenter's hammer had done ring. The junction of the two rivers here sod. Winter wheat, sown the same ing. The only trouble in the way of form one of the finest water powers in chants have regularly organized fire an expression of self-satisfaction, that and dies by the time his house is in a

and excitement of building a first-class

ing its line from Topeka toward the The PIONEER BRICK AND STONE BLOCK was erected this fall by Messrs. Hob son & Greiffenstein, on the corner of Douglas avenue and Main street, fronting the avenue. It has four store rooms on the ground floor. It is two stories in height, and is finished in a fine and substantial style. A large and commodious hall, capable of seating 500 people, extends over two of the store-rooms. The rest of the building is used for offices. It is styled the "Eagle Block," and is surmounted by a mammoth gilt eagle, in the center of the building. The First National Bank building, nearly completed, is an imposing structure, three stories in height, and finished in the highest style of architecture. Those two are at present the only first-class business

> buildings of to-day will be superceded by substantial brick and stone struc-Many will ask the question, how it is that the settlement and development of the country has almost kept pace firm the Hon. J. M. Steele still re with the city. In the second, it is hap- and is a member of the firm of pily located on the government trai via Fort Sill to Texas, and at the point where the great Chisholm cattle trail strikes the Arkansas valley. This

idly follow. In another year the frame

TEXAS CATTLE TRADE has been gradually increasing from the state, until it has become the most im-Early in the spring of 1872, in view of trade, or a portion of it at least, for their power, and have invested thouthat point. Accordingly they made sands of dollars for outside parties to arrangements with J. G. McCov and James Bryden, two of the largest deal- to them requiring any information fluence into the scale and bring the best investments Wichita has ever cattle there. They both went to work No town can ever obtain any impor- | ent trails, to talk Wichita, its advanance without the aid of a newspaper, tages as a shipping point, the splendid and accordingly arrangements were grazing country around it, and the nevherds that were pouring into Kansas for a month, passed down the magnifi-

350,000 HEAD OF CATTLE were fattened off the nutricious grasses ers and sellers. To handle this enor- men in every sense of the word. mous herd of cattle it required almost

the summer of the same year, when an army of men, and their supplies were drawn from Wichita. The A., T. &S. F. railroad redoubled their exertions to furnish transportation east for the cattle, and as buvers could get freight cheaper from Wichita than any other shipping point in Kansas, they naturally flocked in there to buy. Every hotel and every house in the city was crowded to excess Money was plenty, and trade of all

kinds was correspondingly good.

The shipping of cattle commenced early in June, and has continued until the present time without any abate ment. The total shipments of cattle over the A., T. & S. F. railroad, up to cars, and out of this number 3,800 cars were shipped from Wichita-or about 70,000 head. These were principally

TWO AND A QUARTER MILLIONS of money to handle them. Independent of this trade in fat cattle, there were continual sales of stock cattle going on. Men came from all the adjoinin, states to purchase cattle to eat up their surplus corn crops, and the sales of this class of cattle exceeded that of any previous year. From the best data we could obtain

in a manner that gives general satis-Taking the ratio of these prices as the average, and adding to the amount already obtained, and we find that nearly

FIVE MILLION DOLLARS. have changed hands in Wichita, for cattle alone.

Enormous as this may appear to

those unacquainted with the cattle trade, we can say that our figures are low. Our information on this point of Mayor E. B. Allen, there has been mone of that rowdy ism that has made the building and many of the passenin Topeka. ITS PERMANENCY CEETAIN. Of course Wichita, with all its rich pasture lands and splendidwater courses, cannot hope to hold the cattle

tions of all concerned. Since the time of its opening 1,100 bills of exchange have been drawn, and individual deposits have run up to nearly \$100,000. The daily business transacted has been very large, amounting frequently to trade more than two or three years at There are now over forty the outside. As the country becomes By so doing they have preserved share holders, and a large majority of settled, and farms opened, it will nethe stock is owned by the leading cessitate the pushing farther west or property holders and business men of south the vast herds that are now in Wichita. Its officers are first-class that section. But as the Arkansas valbusiness and banking men in every reley is naturally adapted to the raising that than anything else, the farmer can turn his attention to, the country will soon be filled with native cattle. and this will always be one great source of wealth to Wichita.

THE COUNTRY. It is acknowledged by our historians been crowded at all times during busithat there is no valley in the state that ness hours. The numbers applying exceeds that of the Arkansas around Wichita so far as the lay of the land and excellent soil and water are concerned. The valley all through Sedgwick county is from two to twenty

miles wide. It is not a flat plain, but the land lies in gentle undulating waves resembling in appearance of the sea after a great storm. The soil is a deep, rich loam, and business houses increased in proportion. There are now nearly twothey are full during the growing season, owing to the melting of the snow Main street is the principal business necessity of rain in order to raise a crop. The roots of the growing plants draw up the moisture by capillary at-

mand for houses, and the want of ma- Arkansas river was cut off. WHAT WICHITA NEEDS most is a good flouring mill. We know no better investment could be made in the state than to erect a large first class an excellent quality can be raised here, tion. but as yet there is no read, market for it. Flour is shipped here from Leav-

starch factory would also be a paying investment and make a ready market for the surplus corn. As the Arkansas ter class of houses are being erected. valley is destined to be a great stock country, the establishment of a beef and pork packing house would be a good thing, for all would pay well. Factories for wool and cotton goods would find this point a good one to locate at. The water power is sufficient to run weather.

> and it is said that the climate in the to its production. All these are things of the future, but the energetic citizens of Wichita. Kansas, know no such word as "fail,"

In closing up this article, we must introduce a class of men who by their indomitable energy, have done more toward the building up of Wichita, and making it a success, than any other houses in the city, but others will rapclass in the country, namely

REAL ESTATE AGENTS. These gentlemen have always been ready, for a small remuneration, to assist settlers in making their claims. possible to build up and sustain a city and showing the country. Most of of three thousand inhabitants, in an them keep one or more teams for that unsettled region of country, and what purpose, and for the past two years has warranted such an unprecedented | they have been in almost constant use. growth? We answer, in the first place. The first real estate agency was started by Steele, Roe & Bright. Of this firm the Hon. J. M. Steele still remains,

STEELE & SMITH. now doing business at the corner of Main street and Douglas avenue. Each individual member of this firm has traveled over that portion of the coun-try so often that they know every foot time the first herd was driven into the of ground, can describe every claim, and tell within a dollar of its cost value. portant source of traffic in the west. They buy and sell real estate, and have on their books some 10,000 acres of the early completion of the railroad to land for sale, and at prices to suit purthat point, the people of Wichita turn- clasers. They are always ready and ed their attention to securing this willing to give any information in

their satisfaction. A letter addressed

MARTIN & PHILLIP with a will, one of them going into Main street. These gentlemen are also well posted on lands and claims, and Wichta was the headquarters for buy- orable in all their dealings, and gentle-The office of

W. & N. M'CLEES also familiar with the country around, and know where to find just the kind of a claim you want. They have a can be bought at reasonable figures. for other parties. Plats of their lands will be furnished to applicants, showing their location as to streams, etc. Any information can be obtained by addressing them at Wichita.

N. A. ENGLISH. November 15th, amounted to 4,600 class, is a large property bolder in Wichita, and takes pleasure in showing strangers the beauties of this region. One of the finest additions to the city beef cattle, and it required not less was made by him, and quite a number fine dwellings are being erected there. His own residence, two-story brick, is about completed, and will be the finest brick residence built in the city. Mr. English is one of the substantial men of the city, is full of energy, and just the kind of man that is good to have

around. The legal fraternity is well representhe ablest. He is will posted on a lithe whether he reaches the place by boat 150,000 head of stock cattle were sold at figures ranging from \$3.00 to \$20.00. laws relative to the establishing and or by rail, is the grand central depot a specialty. He can be found at the on Forty-second street. Hitherto Besor will answer all letters addressed to apolis have had depots far superior to him from those desiring information. those in this city, but now this city

selves, and the shipments by rail were all other cattle marts in the state a by- gers pansed to examine its architer- his readers the most knowledge, and obtained from the general freight office | word in the land. At the very outset | ture. There was no smoke to dim the | takes from them; the lens; time. of the A., T. & S. Ferailroad company an ordinance was passed that no perenforced. An effective police force was all seemed hushed and still save the organized, with Marshal Meagher at footsteps of the throng that pressed with various plans is to give much understand that they meant business.

in any city in the land. In conclusion, we feel no compunetions of conscience in advising all those of stock, and as there is more money in who wish cheap and good homes to The western roads, especially those in

better stay where you are. KNARY. Correspondence of the Eagle. "

LETTER FROM AN OLD RESIDENT CHICAGO, Dec., 4, 1872.

the surface. It is what might be term- stone and iron front structures ascend other evening during the year, are the rainy; very well-laugh between the ed sub-irrigation and precludes the as it were with apparently no effort. places of amusement so largely attend- drops, and think cheerily of the bine The buildings, taken in order, are ed. much finer and more substantial than However small the attendance at the Owing to the wonderful rapidity of traction, so that a drouth could never those whose places they occupy. The other churches there was no diminutrotting horse; and our journey may its growth, and the extraordinary de- occur, unless the suply of water for the streets which were formerly lined with tion in the throng that gathered to have its dark nights, its quagmires ticeable on Fifth Avenue, formerly living person, with but one exception. flouring mill at this point. Wheat of Wells street, and others of like reputa- I refer to Henry Ward Bescher. Ar- to prepare men for another life; but

eral other smaller places, and finds a to be built within a radius of three rounding objects. The fortunate pow-

Building was very much impeded by them. Mr. Beecher's congregation is a strike among the bricklayers in Octo- composed of intelligent well-to-to perber. They struck for the eight hour ple, though it is not considered the system, but not succeeding, have gone wealthiest church in the vicinity. to work again. Many gave up build- They are a social, friendly class of per ing this fall on account of it, but those sons, as could be judged from the handwho had begun are moving right along | shaking before and after service, and with the work regardless of the cold the care that is taken to see that

can be obtained from Texas by rail within twelve months from this date,

> go this winter to impede its progress, a vast amount of work will be done. There has been a great deal of excitement about the Sunday liquor law, but right has seemingly triumphed, and

of their success. ' The citizens sympathized greatly

token sent th m \$100,000. We frequently meet an old Wichita s we go along. Mayhood, whose famhe has not missed a day since he first

came here. Not a few of your citizens will be perfected, early in 1871, with W. B. er failing supply of good water for Hutchinson and Fred. A. Sowers, who cattle. The result was that the vast our Wichita correspondents, as he real estate and attend to the collection | seems to think some few of your citi- vote except he first passes through the cent Arkansas valley, instead of crossing it as heretofore. No less than

of claims. They are also agents of the
Mutal Life insurance company, of Chicago, and the Triumph of Cincinnati, way we see of keeping his confidence dependence of the poor man upon the one the best companies in the west, is by requesting his creditors not to labors of his children, he exclaimed, Those entrusting business in their read this portion of our letter, but we "Why, if any man can afford to have a of the Arkansas valley at one time, and hands will find them prompt and hon- havn't any serious fears of any of them dunce for a son, it surely is the rich sending here after him, even should | man." they know of his whereabouts.

can be found on Main sireet, about two your most excellent paper with the His sermons are nearly an hour in blocks from Douglas avenue. They are greatest of interest, and as we read of length. But to those eager listeners large quantity of land for sale, which thee," and with the wish comes the so much on the lapse of time as it does hope that the time is not far in the on the preacher himself. Some serand are every day making investments future when we can again call Wichita mons are long in a quarter an hour, "home."

although not coming strictly under this that they appreciate worth, and we "HI should see a man sleeping in my are confident that they will be well re- autience I would not send a boy to paid for their ballets cast. With the best wishes for the contin- boy come and wake me up."

we say adfen.

Correspondence of the Eagle LTTTER FROM REV. J. P. HARSEN NEW YORK, Nov. 28th, 1872. EDITOR EAGLE: One of the first ob- and the corn, and the soil, are looked jects that attracts the attention of the upon as objects of considerable curtted there, and J. McCulloch is one of visitor to the city of New York, osity, office of Steele & Smith, when wanted, ton, Cleveland, Chicago and Indian- brings out stars,

We would not be doing full justice to Wichita did we not pay a compliment to the municipal authorities for fleent structure one long train of eight the avenging deities are shod with the efficient manner in which they coaches, containing about four houhave policed the city. Ever since its dred passengers, was drawn last even-

its head, and roughs were given to eagerly forward to their homes, or to attention to those of other people. meet those from whom they had been The mystic seeks tenth in riddles, or peace and good order in the city, and long seperated. Quite in contrast to finding her upon the highway, he, by a man is as safe to-day in Wichita as this beautiful building are the dingy virtue of his office, imprisons her in a and filthy cars on the New York Cen- paradox. tral and the Hudson River railroads. visit Wichita and the great Arkansas Kansas, are far better equipped with the thoughtful. valley. If you are willing to work, elegant passenger coaches, than many and do without the luxuries of life for of the lines are at the east. These two ing my eyes upon it, I perenived so you expect to pick up your bread on great lines of travel need, as the editor the streets already buttered, you had of a Utica paper expresses it, "some-

room coach and a cattle car." Thanksgiving is one of the four great | the delights of both. holidays of New York. The exhortations of our president, the govenor. DEAR EAGLE: As the tip of your and the mayor of the city, that the peogreat wing gently taps us and bids us ple should assemble in their respective revert our mind to the many pleasant places of worship, are little heeded here ments are the most piercing; and as days spent among the "hills" and val- as elsewhere. This day is the one on little letters most tire the eyes, so do leys of your most fertile country, and which the base ball fraternity have little affairs most disturb us. and is very quick and warm. It is a saw glance over the well filled colsingular fact that the Arkansas river never overflows its banks, although many interesting items and letters, an bands of fantastically dressed young of others by every word. idea strikes us that perhaps a letter men turn out for a public parade. Self-esteem is a high-bred steed that in the mountians. This is ascribed by from this great Phonix of the world To-day I observed among these latter a bounds over the asperities of life. C. C. Hutchinson, author of Resources would not come amiss. number of burlesques on the "Grecian Self-concelt is a blind back, which carry as heavy a stock of goods as are of Kansas, to an underflow through a The rapidity and manner of rebuild-bend" and the "Dolly Varden style," lies from two to four feet beneath ing is truly marvelous. The great On Thanksgiving evening also as no

low, poorly built tenement houses, listen to the preaching of a man who and its jack-o'-lautern; but there will are now crowned with massive stores for more than twenty-five years has some a ruddy morning at last, a and warehouses. This is especially no- talked to more people than any other riving at the church in good season and other life is one which shall make this The fire limits hat e been extended, securing a seat in the gullery, I was world, at the same time, a fairer, parer. year the ground was broken up, yield- business was to get goods through the state, which can be used as a mo- companies among their employes. should business was to get goods through the state, which can be used as a mo-

are provided with hymn books. The The epizootic among the horses, was church is plain, though cheerful, being another calamity to the city. For a constructed in the form of an clipse, to time the streets were almost entirely enable the speaker to be heard through-Cherokee Nation is peculiarly adapted deserted by our faithful friend and out the large structure. The ouservant. Oxen were in much demand by costly object in the church is the for a season, reminding us of the great organ, with its bright silver streets of Wichita during the summer. tubes contrasting with the rich black they will have all these things and that as the long line of teams pulled walnut case in which they are set. through the streets for the territory. This instrument cost \$50,000 and is one Everything moves along smoothly of the finest in this land, except that in again, and if nothing else visits Chica- Boston Music Hall. A choir of fifty well trained voices leads the great congregation, whose combined voices almost drown the sound of the instrument. Nowhere do people sing as they sing in the Plymouth church. Evall saloons are closed on the Sabbath. ery one wants to sing because it is casy The Personal Liberty League-opposed | where the very amosphere seems perto temperance-however, hold meet- vaded with such melodious strains. ings quite frequently, and will oppose Mr. Beecher looks hale and hearty, and this law to the last, but with such a as you look into his clear blue eve and mayor as Medill there is little danger observe his fresh and almost youthful look, you can hardly imagine that you are beholding one of the hardest workwith the Hubites, and as a substantial ers of the age. Besides a preacher, Mr. Beecher is an editor, an author, a lecturer and a farmer. I understand his labors in the line of farming are less ily still resides in your city, is here renumerative than those in his other working at his trade-carpenter. Says departments of work. As a preacher, however, he is widely known. He has usually a manuscript before him and at times reads closely. But most frepleased (?) to hear that E. D. Hilliard, | quently, especially toward the close of M. D., or as he registers at the hotel, his discourse, he refers to it but occa-M. S. U. S. A., is still among the living. | sionally. His power consists in the He is stopping in the city for a few earnest mannuer in which he speaks, days-he may remain longer, however, and the apt and natural illustrations He has already left his first hotel by which he draws. He atters many nithy special request of the proprietor. He sayings which will lodge in the memorepresented himself as a medical sur- ry for long years. As an example, in geon, U. S. A., just from the Yellow his sermon in alluding to the fact that are ready at all times to give all seek- Stone expedition, with a ninety days the voter should have an education being locations their assistance. They leave of absence. He requested us not fore allowed to exercise this franchize.

> Mr. Beecher keeps his audience We look forward to the arrival of somewhat longer than most ministers. the many entertainments you are giv- the time seems but short, proving that ing, sincerely "wish we were with the length of a sermon does not depend and others are short ofter two hours. Mr. Editor, please accept our con- This minister is seldon if ever troubled gratulations for the recent demonstra- with church eleopers. Here again, he tion of the good judgment of the peo- | thinks, much depends on the preacher. ple of Southwest Kansas. It proves Somewhere he has made the remark, wake him up, but I would have the

> ued success of Wichita and its people. In another letter I shall endeavor to A. A. G. give you an account of one or two of

the great New York ministers. Many inquiries are addressed to me in reference to Kansas and Wichita. The bunch of Arkaneas valley grass,

J. P. HARSEN.

Gems of Thought Sorrow shows us truths as the night

Right is a dall weapon, unless skill

The mind that busine itself much with the future has need to be an un-

and good sense wield it.

commonly cheefful our.

son should carry any deadly weapon in the streets, and the law was strictly discordant voice to greet the ear, but when they are the gla lest, and de-

That writer does the most who gives

Fond as man is of sight-seeing, life is the great show for every man-the show always wonderful and new to I have cleaned my mirror, and, fix-

many defects in myself, that I easily forgive those of others. Day and night yield us contrary thing intermediate, between a drawing- blessings, and at the same time assist each other, by giving fresh lustre to

Truthfulness is a corner stone in character; and if it be not firmly laid in youth, there will always be a weak spot in the foundation. The smallest and slightest impedi-

The weather may look dark and sky and sunshine that will surely come

to-morrow. Time may bear on us like a rough

smoother road, and an easier gait, In every generation we should seek

But nothing seemed to check its enworth, Topeka, Kansas City and sey- and no wooden structures are allowed much interested in observing the sur- nobler, and better earth to be lived in. ready market at from six to seven dol- miles. Every precaution is taken holders came strewing in by threes fore he has any settled thoughts of his ty; he falls a building in his old age.